

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Overseer had not felled any palmyra and so there was no necessity to inquire into that.

**Grant-in-aid dispensary for Kizhakkummuri—
petition for.**

259. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Kizhakkummuri and other villages praying for the grant of aid to a dispensary in their midst;
- (b) when the petition was received;
- (c) what action has been taken on the matter;
- (d) whether they would be pleased to place the petition on the table?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—(a) Yes.

(b) In Vrischigam 1108.

(c) Government enquired into the merits of the petition and were favourably impressed.

(d) A copy of the petition is appended (*Appendix II.*)

Credit for unified one anna stamps.

260. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (a) does the Anchal Department get full credit for all the unified one anna stamps used on anchal articles;
- (b) if so, how is the distribution between Anchal and Stamp Revenues correctly adjusted;
- (c) what quantity of unified stamps are now in stock and how long are they expected to last;
- (d) will there be any extra cost in effecting the separation; and if so, what amount;
- (e) are the Government aware that in British India unified stamps have been separated into postal and revenue stamps?

Rama Varmha Tampuran—(a) No.

(b) The value of stamps used for acknowledgment alone is credited to Anchal Department.

(c) The stock in hand is worth Rs. 5,400. This together with the new supply will last for about three years.

(d) Yes; for making fresh dies, etc. Exact figures are not available.

(e) Yes.

Selling of stamps to stamp dealers.

261. Mr. Paul P. Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what quantity of service stamps has been used up in 1106 and 1107 and what value has been realised by their sale;

(b) what is the approximate cost incurred in buying these stamps;

(c) is any purpose served by the use of service stamps other than knowing the quantity used by each office and as a check on possible abuse of free Anchal service;

(d) is the Government aware that though the Anchal Department gets credit under sale of service stamps, it is only a book adjustment and that money actually goes out of the treasury;

(e) is the Government aware that the British Government and most of the Native States sell service stamps to stamp dealers and make up the cost incurred;

(f) are there any reasons in Cochin which make it objectionable to sell them to stamp dealers?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The numbers of sheets used in 1106 is not readily available. In 1107 about 12,690 sheets of various denominations were used. The value of service stamps consumed in 1106 and 1107 was approximately Rs. 34,469 in 1106 and Rs. 35,424 in 1107.

(b) About Rs. 4,000.

(c) These are the main uses.

(d) Yes. The money that is actually spent is more than made up by the useful purpose served.

(e) Yes; but it is doubtful whether the cost incurred is made up by the sale.

(f) The point is noted for consideration.

Superintendent of Vernacular Education.

262. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Superintendent of Vernacular Education was appointed;

(b) what work has he turned out hitherto?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—(a) 1st Meenam 1107.

(b) Inspected the work of the Sanskrit and Malayalam Pandits in several Secondary schools. Had a thorough inspection of the work of Sanskrit schools. Inspected Fishery schools. As the Fishery schools were newly started, they had to be visited frequently and the Headmasters were given necessary instructions in teaching all the subjects including Pisciculture. The correspondence of Fishery schools is being submitted through the Superintendent and he has thus to forward all papers relating to these schools with his remarks to the Director. The Superintendent of Vernacular Education being the